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Manual Scavengers
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the latest socioeconomic caste census, a large number of persons are engaged in manual scavenging despite Supreme Court"s order to abolish manual scavenging;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the number of people engaged in manual scavenging is much higher in comparison to the numbers released by socio-economic the Caste census; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to correct the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a): As per the Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011 (SECC-2011) data of manual scavengers released by the Ministry of Rural Development on 03.07.2015, there were 1,80,657 manual scavengers in the rural areas of the country.
(b): State-wise details of the SECC-2011 data of manual scavengers are given in the annexure.
(c) & (d): SECC-2011 data of manual scavengers is based on respondent input as revealed by the households to the enumerator. Under the "Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 (MS Act, 2013)" which has come into force with effect from 06.12.2013, the claim of any person of being a manual scavenger is to be got verified by the local authority for inclusion in the list of identified manual scavengers to become eligible for rehabilitation as per the provisions of the MS Act, 2013. Accordingly, the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been requested to verify the SECC-2011 data of manual scavengers and upload the list of identified manual scavengers on the website www.mssuvey.nic.in for their rehabilitation.